

Technical Assistance

COMPLIANCE LEADERSHIP THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL AUDITING AND NEGOTIATION (CLEAN):

CLEAN offers small and medium-sized businesses free, on-site compliance and pollution prevention audits, as well as limited enforcement discretion for violations discovered during the process, in exchange for an agreement to correct violations and undertake a “beyond compliance” pollution prevention project. EPA’s New England Office has awarded \$300,000 in grants to non-government organizations — the University of New Hampshire, Maine Center for Technology Transfer, and Narragansett Bay Commission, for example — to establish multi-disciplinary technical assistance teams that will conduct in-depth pollution prevention assessments at metal finishing companies in Maine, New Hampshire, and Rhode Island. This program is offered to printers and wood product coaters in Maine.

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“In addition to my company’s free assessment, the CLEAN program gave me access to tap the tremendous resources and knowledge of the EPA and state staff members with whom I now have ongoing working relationships. For a small company like us to be able to work with the federal government to make things better in a realistic way has been truly gratifying . . . particularly for those of us who lack resources and had always heard of things second-hand. I would now feel comfortable calling my EPA contacts anytime.”
—Roland Chenard, Granite State Plating Company, Inc.

WASTEWI\$E:

WasteWi\$e offers an array of services intended to strengthen and assist company waste reduction programs including:

- a WasteWi\$e representative dedicated to each partner;
- a helpline and extensive library of resources;
- tip sheets on brief topics; and
- WasteWi\$e newsletter featuring partners’ successful waste reduction efforts.

Much of our technical assistance information emphasizes waste prevention, an area of great cost-saving opportunity. Future assistance will focus on areas with the biggest opportunities, such as transport packaging and office paper reduction. More than 500 organizations participate in the WasteWi\$e program nationally. If you are not currently a WasteWi\$e partner, we invite you to join in this cost-saving and innovative effort to reduce solid waste.

CONTACT:

WasteWi\$e Helpline 1-800-EPA-WISE

Call 1-888-EPA-7341

NEW ENGLAND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSISTANCE TEAM (NEEATeam):

EPA's New England Office founded the NEEATeam in 1995 to help New England businesses:

- comply with environmental laws;
- benefit from pollution prevention; and
- green their local environment while growing their own bottom line.

The NEEATeam provides an accessible, flexible assistance presence, so businesses can get straight answers to tough questions. Taking a sector-specific approach, the NEEATeam supplies in-depth background information and assistance to the following sectors: printing, metal finishing, computers/electronics, wood product coating, auto repair and refinishing, municipalities, and technical, trade, and vocational schools. With a special focus on small businesses, the team has provided:

- training workshops on pollution prevention and emerging technologies;
- round table discussions to raise and resolve issues; and
- written resources, such as compliance manuals and a guide to financing pollution prevention projects.

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"We installed a high-tech ammonia etching regeneration system which reduced ammonia usage from 130,000 to less than 30,000 pounds annually, saving us tens of thousands of dollars beginning from day one, as well as making a positive impact on the environment."

—Chris Ford, Printed Circuit Corporation